

**KELSO CITY COUNCIL
6:30 P.M.**

**JULY 19, 2005
SPECIAL MEETING**

The Special Meeting of the Kelso City Council was called to order by Mayor Don Gregory at 6:30 P.M. Those Councilmember's in attendance were Gregory, Chester, Slater, Futcher, Keolker, McDaniel and Wheeler.

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION: BUDGET

Brian Butterfield, Accounting Supervisor presented the City Council with information through June 30, 2005. Revenues are on track through June and most likely will exceed the amounts budgeted. Some budgets may need to be amended for expenditures such as Police, Community Development and Non Departmental. It was also noted that the budget would have to be amended by approximately \$400,000 for the finalization of the City Hall Building Project. Also passed out was an Overtime Analysis for the Police Department. Discussed in length was Police Overtime. At the conclusion of the meeting, Mayor Gregory suggested that the appropriate place to work through these issues is at budget time.

The Special Meeting was closed at 7:05 P.M.

**KELSO CITY COUNCIL
7:07 P.M.**

**July 19, 2005
REGULAR MEETING**

Pastor Jim Conrad, Kelso 1st Baptist Church gave the invocation. Mayor Don Gregory led the flag salute. The Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council was called to order by Mayor Gregory. All Councilmember's were in attendance.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher and seconded by Councilmember Keolker, 'Approve the minutes of the 7/5/05 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

CITIZENS BUSINESS:

Anthony J. Currera, 807 North 1st, Kelso, was present to discuss the cat situation in his neighborhood. His complaint was that when calling the Humane Society he was told it's not their problem. He has been spending money to buy the traps, catching the cats and taking them to the Humane Society. People in his neighborhood are feeding the stray cats and they are multiplying. Mayor Gregory commented that cats are not licensed like dogs in the city. Many years ago the attempt to license cats failed. After lengthy discussion Mayor Gregory informed Mr. Currera that the City Manager would be speaking with the Humane Society regarding this problem.

Keith Lawrence, 1413 Behshel Heights, Kelso – Lewis and Clark Sculpture Dedication in Long Beach, Washington

Invitations have been sent to all Councilmember's regarding the dedication of the Lewis and Clark Sculpture, Friday, July 29 at 2PM at Long Beach. Being that Mayor Gregory is not able to make the dedication, Keith will speak on behalf of the City. City Manager Robinson to review contract for explanation of surrounding pieces.

Housing Legislation and Appointment of City Representative to Homeless Housing Planning Task Force

Steve Harvey, Council of Governments spoke. He explained that the Second Document Recording Fee in the amount of an additional \$10.00 went into effect July 1, 2005 according to HB2163 passed by the Legislature during regular session. This bill creates a funding source for the Homeless Housing Program. SSB5767 authorizes a Homeless Housing Task Force. **Mayor Gregory appointed Jack Keolker to this group.** Lengthy Council discussion followed.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Auditing Accounts - \$1,606,260.89

Liquor License Renewals – El Charrito, 300 South Pacific, Fraternal Order of Eagles Kelso Aerie, 609 South Pacific and Safeway #2637, 411 Three Rivers Drive – with an expiration date of 10/31/05.

Upon motion by Councilmember Futchter and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Approve the consent agenda,' motion carried, all voting Yes.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Six Year Street Improvement Plan. Mayor Gregory opened the Public Hearing at approximately 7:44 P.M. Ron Townsend, 803 Ayers, Kelso, spoke about an issue regarding a torn up street for 14 months. He also expressed concern about his curb, blackberries and his alley. Public Works Director, David Sypher commented that Mr. Townsend had been in his office to discuss the matter. It was determined at that time that there are two separate issues. One being the asphalt overlay and a lip that needs to be fixed and a culvert that needs to be discussed.

There being no further public comment, Mayor Gregory closed the Public Hearing at 7:49 P.M. City Councilmembers reviewed the various projects and questions were asked.

MOTION ITEMS:**Resolution No. 05-895 – Adopting the Six Year Transportation Improvement**

Program: The City Clerk read the proposed Resolution by Title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Adopt Resolution No. 05-895, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING A SIX YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STREET IMPROVEMENTS,' motion carried, all voting Yes.

Ordinance No. 05-3572 – Amending Various Sections of Chapter 15.03 of the Kelso Municipal Code to Comply with State Law and Adding Certain Sections Related to Electrical Inspections and Electrical Permitting

Activities: The City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by Title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember Keolker, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 05-3572, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING ORDINANCES 3539 AND 3566 OF THE CITY DELINEATED AS CHAPTERS 15.03 CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, ADOPTING THE 2005 EDITION OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE; PROVIDING FOR REGULATION AND GOVERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CODE; PROVIDING STANDARDS FOR RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS; PROVIDING FOR INSPECTIONS AND REVIEW OF ELECTRICAL PLANS; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF ELECTRICAL PERMITS AND COLLECTION OF PERMITS FEES; ADOPTING THE WASHINGTON STATE HISTORIC BUILDING CODE; ADDING REFERENCES TO THE UNIFORM HOUSING AND UNIFORM CODE FOR THE ABATEMENT OF DANGEROUS BUILDINGS; CORRECTING OTHER ERRORS AND OMISSIONS; PROVIDING ADDITIONAL DEFINITIONS, AND RENUMBERING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE CODE,' motion carried, all voting Yes.

Ordinance (1st Reading) – Approval of the West Kelso Plan: The City Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by Title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember Chester, 'Pass on 1st Reading, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO ADOPTING A WEST KELSO REVITALIZATION PLAN ENTITLED "REALIZING THE POSSIBILITIES: AN ASSET BASED PLAN FOR REVITALIZATION OF WEST KELSO," AND AMENDING THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO INCLUDE SAID PLAN,' motion carried, all voting yes. Council discussed that this is a road map of where we want to go. Good response was received by the citizens and businesses of the area.

Resolution No. 05-897 – NIMS SYSTEM: The City Clerk read the proposed Resolution by Title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Futch, seconded by Councilmember Keolker, 'Adopt Resolution No. 05-897, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO ADOPTING THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS),' motion carried, all voting yes.

Resolution No. 05-896 – Surplus Property: The City Clerk read the proposed Resolution by Title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Chester, seconded by Councilmember Keolker, 'Adopt Resolution No. 05-896, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON, DECLARING CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF KELSO TO BE SURPLUS AND DIRECTING THE DISPOSITION THEREOF,' motion carried, all voting yes.

It was discussed that these items and others will be auctioned at the Kelso City Shop, Saturday, July 23rd – 10:00 A.M. Viewing to begin at 9:00 A.M. Items stored at 109 Allen Street were discussed. City Manager Robinson noted that most will be donated to Non Profit.

Ordinance (1st Reading) Parades: The City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by Title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Wheeler, seconded by Councilmember Keolker, 'Pass on 1st Reading, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO CREATING A NEW CHAPTER IN THE KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE TO BE ENTITLED "PARADES", CODIFIED AS KMC CHAPTER 12.25 REGULATING PARADES IN THE CITY,' motion carried, all voting yes. Lengthy council discussion followed. Paul Brachvogel, City Attorney to clarify ordinance to state that this is not be interpreted to prevent lawful demonstrations for Political Speech, prior to second reading.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Doug Robinson: No Report

Paul Brachvogel: No Report

Kent Anderson: 1) Handed out a half year report on **Nuisance Abatement** containing about 95 projects. Already this year about 500 projects have been completed. Lengthy Council discussion followed. Mayor Gregory asks that if Council or staff have areas of concern, please email Kent and let him add to the list. 2) **Skateboard Park** – Kent informed Council that a core group has been formed. He needs to get it up and rolling again. The City Manager has put this subject on the top of Kent's 'To Do' list. Rotary is still committed to \$45,000.

Geraldine Veenstra: No report.

David Sypher: 1) Ron Townsend, gentleman speaking earlier from the audience had been to my office. I have reviewed the situation. Over the years Mr. Townsend has dumped several loads of gravel. A culvert needs to be installed. Lengthy Council discussion followed. Alley improvements were discussed. 2) Spray Park – Councilmember McDaniel questioned the status of the **Spray Park?** David Sypher reported around middle to end of August. Volunteers are tough to coordinate. Councilmember Futch, representing Rotary commented that Volunteer Contractors are involved. Can't be too demanding as they have regular schedules to meet. Should be open mid-August at the latest. Mayor Gregory also reminded Council that Gaither Pool is now complete at the High School and open for lessons for adults and children along with free swim. 3) Councilmember Slater spoke about Phase 3 at Stan Rister Stadium. David Sypher noted a few delays between the volunteers. Hopefully we will still have good weather into mid October.

Wayne Nelson: 1) National Night Out is August 2nd – Tam O'Shanter Park. Regular City Council Meeting will be held at the Park at 7:00 P.M. Festivities begin earlier with Food and Booths such as Bike Safety, Home Protection and Crime Prevention. 2) Just hired today our 2nd female Patrol Officer – Bebe McFall. She was hired to replace Sgt. Joe Dieter.

Veryl Anderson: Wanted to share with Council the news of the passing of Margie Dolan, mother of long term Finance Department Employee Cindy Keeney and wife of past Planning Commission member Larry Dolan.

Mayor Gregory: Will need an **Executive Session** at the conclusion of the meeting for about 15 minutes to discuss potential litigation.

Mark Chester: 1) Watched the Fly-Over at the Airport on the weekend from my home – quite impressive. 2) A woman citizen will be at the next City Council Meeting to discuss a development issue. Mayor Gregory noted that this would be a staff issue.

Alan Slater: 1) Went down to the Airport and looked at the exhibit. Looked good. 2) Went to the Garbage Dump Site – many people were using the site. 2) A local woman citizen called him about an experience in the Community Development Department – she will be at the next City Council Meeting.

Jack Keolker: Air Show was fantastic. Great reports. 2) Mayor and the rest of the delegation from Sagara, Japan were very nice people. I enjoyed being with them.

David Futch: No report.

Joe Wheeler: Airport Show this past weekend drew about 4400 people. It was a great success. They want to come back this next year. This time they will have 12 months of planning.

Executive Session: The Council recessed into Executive Session at 9:00 P.M. to discuss Potential Litigation. At the conclusion of the discussion at approximately 9:51 P.M. the Council reconvened into Regular Session.

Upon motion by Councilmember Keolker, seconded by Councilmember Slater, 'Move to adjourn,' motion carried, all voting yes.

MAYOR

CLERK